

New America School-Las Cruces

Governing Council

Thursday, December 19, 2019

5:00 PM

207 S. Main

Las Cruces. NM

Board Members Present: Susie Kimble (President), Fernando Macias (Vice-President), Oscar Juarez, Martha Valdez (Secretary/Treasurer), Jennifer Garcia Kozlowski

Regrets:

Staff Present: Margarita Porter, Craig Cook, Mike Vigil II, Dom DiFelice, Veronica Gonzales

Guests: Kelly Callahan

Minutes of the GC

1. The meeting was called to order at 5:01 pm by Susie Kimble
2. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.
3. The mission statement was read by Susie Kimble
4. Students of the month were recognized
 - Lucia Ramirez
 - Taily Ramirez
 - Esperanza Gaytan
 - Zoe Zamora
 - Jacqueline Zamorano
 - Judith Cisneros
 - Edna Baily
5. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the agenda be approved as amended (item on GC training added). Votes: Unanimous.
6. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the minutes of November 21, 2019 be approved. Votes: Unanimous.
7. Margarita outlined the Cannabis Policy. This is now required by legislation. Our attorney Susan Fox provided the language for the policy. **No school personnel** will administer medical cannabis to any student. The policy outlined the necessary conditions for the medical cannabis to be administered by the parent or guardian. The location in the school to administer the medical cannabis is to be determined. The policy is silent if the student is over 18. If necessary the policy will be amended. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the Cannabis Policy be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.
8. The scope of work and their work to date by the three lobbyists was presented by Susie Kimble. There was discussion as to what their agenda would be. Further discussions with the lobbyists will be forthcoming. Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Martha Valdez that the lobbyists' contract be renewed for \$6,000. Votes: Unanimous.
9. The on again off again on again Long Term Suspension (LTS) policy was discussed. Moved by Oscar Juarez and seconded by Martha Valdez that the LTS policy be amended to provide the Superintendent the discretion to admit an LTS student. Votes: Unanimous.
10. Mike Vigil II presented the financial reports ending November 30, 2019 as discussed earlier in the day at the Finance Committee. New revenues were outlined including three months of USDA funding. The expenditure report was very clean with the last of the negative line items to be resolved by the BARs. No issues with the PO report. The bank account register was positive with more in than out. Unrestricted fund balance \$585,249 and restricted fund balance \$793,011. Five BARs were presented.

Moved by Fernando Macias and seconded by Oscar Juarez that the financial reports and BARs 0009-0013 be approved as presented. Votes: Unanimous.

11. Dashboard: Margarita explained amendments to NM ESSA plan to support NM's public schools.

12. Principal Report:

School

- Charter School Division Visit: January 16th
- School Equity Team: All schools are required to have an Equity Team under the Yazzie/Martinez Ruling.
- 8 or 9 December graduates. They will walk in May.
- Email domain will change to lcnas.org. Please take a moment to look at our revised website.
- NAS selected as a Culturally and Linguistically Responsive school.

Community

- Hygiene Drive- donated over 400 pounds to the homeless shelter.
- Catholic Charities granted NAS another homeless grant, the amount is still unknown.
- Community Service Day: January 20th.

Professional

- Ms. Guerrero attended a conference on Social Emotional Learning.
- Las Cruces Day in Santa Fe: January 25-27
- I attended the Public Charter School of NM Regional Meeting with Matt Pahl.

13. Public Input: Susie indicated that the NAS Network was dissolved. In order to offset the remaining balance owing the Colorado nonprofit, each school will be invoiced approximately \$4,000.

14. Adjournment 6:38 pm

15. Next Meeting January 16, 2020

Signed _____
Martha Valdez, Secretary